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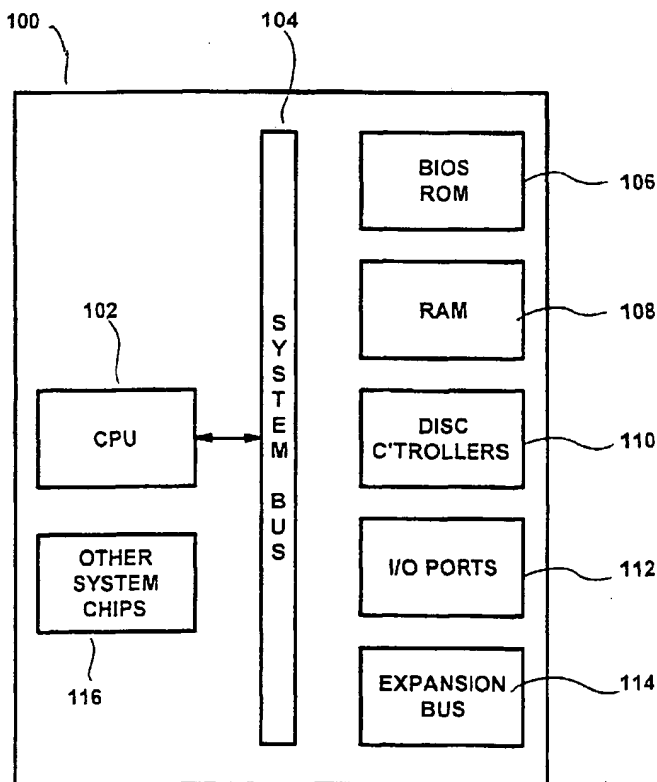
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(57) Abstract: A method of enabling multiple different operating systems to run concurrently on the same computer, comprising selecting a first operating system to have a relatively high priority (the realtime operating system, such as C5); selecting at least one secondary operating system to have a relatively lower priority (the general purpose operating system, such as Linux); providing a common program (a hardware resource dispatcher similar to a nanokernel) arranged to switch between said operating systems under predetermined conditions; and providing modifications to said first and second operating systems to allow them to be controlled by said common program.

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1. claims: 1-12 20 21 25 26 28 29 32-36

Handling processor exceptions for the second operating system in virtual fashion

2. claims: 13-14

Providing access to shared input and/or output devices

3. claims: 15-18

Restarting the second operating system without interrupting operation of the first operating system

4. claim: 19

Debugging the operating systems

5. claims: 22-24 27

Providing inter-operating system communication

6. claim: 30 31

Modifying each operating system for operating in multiple operating system mode

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